

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated October 17, 2005, and has made an amendment to the specification. No claims have been amended. Claims 1-32 are pending. No new matter has been added. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

An amendment has been made to the specification at paragraph [0001] to claim the benefit of prior-filed co-pending non-provisional Application No. 10/746,985. A Petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) to accept the unintentionally delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed co-pending non-provisional application accompanies this paper.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-32 were provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of co-pending Application No. 10/746,985.

The applicants respectfully recognize the provisional obviousness-type patenting rejection of claims 1-32. As noted by the examiner, the conflicting claims of Application No. 10/746,985 have not yet been patented. The applicants intend to submit a terminal disclaimer should Application No. 10/746,985 issue prior to the present application.

Accordingly, because claims 1-32 have been deemed allowable, the applicants respectfully request that claims 1-32 proceed to issuance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, applicants submit that the all claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

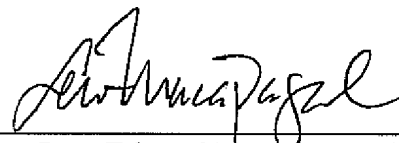
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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